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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Trip to McCoy AFB,

1. On 22 October, I visited McCoy AFB, Orlando, Florida to examine field procedures on photo equipment and to determine field usefulness of the pocket tape recorder.

2. On the evening of 22 October, I contacted Lt. Col. Dean Hayden, Major Richard Rauch, Operations Officer, and Eugene Urie, Communications, and demonstrated the pocket recorder.

3. The recorder was installed in aircraft 352 in such a manner that the pilot could actuate a manual momentary "on" switch when he wanted to record. All incoming and outgoing communications were recorded as long as the switch was closed. It was thought that this was necessary since the recorder only has a one hour capability while the mission was slightly over seven hours.

4. As it turned out, the pilot was so busy with the primary mission that he did not have time to give the recorder a thorough work out; however, the results were satisfactory from the standpoint of fidelity, size, weight, and general utility.

5. Mr. Urie had the following suggestions to make after carefully examining the recorder:

a. The microphone jacks should be either both male or both female to promote interchangeability.

b. Storage space in the attache case for accessory cords, microphones, etc., could be improved.

c. For application to the "I" mission, an adapter that would accommodate the recorder microphone wire to the pressure suit should be made.

d. The recorder is well designed and constructed and should be a useful tool for debriefing.